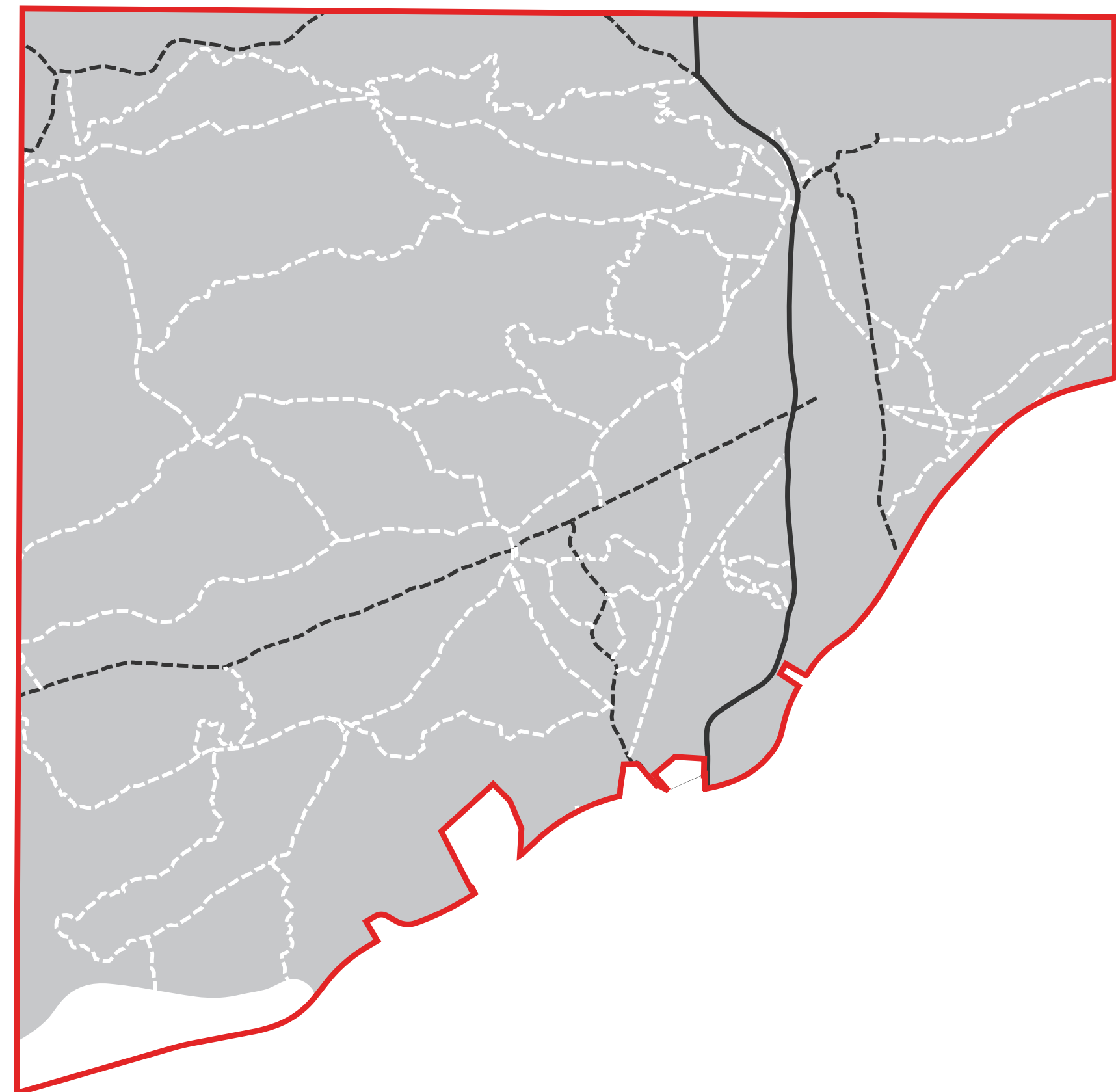






# EQUESTRIAN

## Use Zone



- 20+ miles of trails
- use arroyo trails to traverse site and connect to regional trail systems
- beginner to intermediate trail difficulty
- site access by horse from nearby stables and/or from off-site trailheads with parking
- typical trail use during the day and mostly on weekends

## Interaction with Other Users

-  hikers: no conflicts; trail etiquette working
-  bikers + dirt-jumpers: they should (and usually do) follow trail etiquette
-  to yield to equestrians and dismount their bike before passing
-  motorized vehicles: horses get spooked by the sound of them; they should be restricted to the track area off of NM-599



## Needs / Wants

### Access / Parking

- parking and staging area large enough for horse trailers for those who cannot ride into the area
- safe road crossing at Camino la Tierra and at Camino de los Montoyas near the Arroyo de los Frijoles
- trailhead access gates at Camino la Tierra that allow equestrian traffic to easily move through (gates with latches that can be unhooked without dismounting)

### Leash Policy

- ability to take dog on rides without a leash (i.e. electronic leash or voice command)

### Signage

- trails map with a regional inset
- yield sign depicting trail user etiquette
- rules (such as “stay on trail”) and explanations for why it is important to follow the rules (education)

## Concerns

- new fencing and gates installed on Camino de los Montoyas limits the equestrians’ ability to ride from ranches southwest of the La Tierra Trails out to Tano Road and the village of Tesuque, located northeast of the trails
- horse riders that do not know proper times of year and conditions to ride the trails will give the entire group of equestrians a bad name (horses should not ride in muddy conditions)



National Forest Service standard yield sign used to explain user etiquette on the trail

